

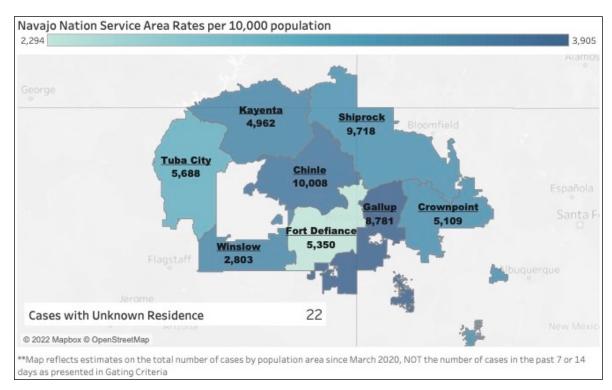
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## 8 new cases, 50,546 recoveries, and one death related to COVID-19



**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Tuesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported eight new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and one death. The total number of deaths is now 1,649. The report indicates that 50,546 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 495,732 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 52,441, including two delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

Chinle Service Unit: 10,008
 Crownpoint Service Unit: 5,109
 Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 5,350

Gallup Service Unit: 8,781
Kayenta Service Unit: 4,962
Shiprock Service Unit: 9,718
Tuba City Service Unit: 5,688
Winslow Service Unit: 2,803

\* 22 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Tuesday, the state of New Mexico reported 692 new cases and Utah reported 278 new cases. The state of Arizona now reports COVID-19 cases on a weekly basis, each Wednesday.

"Keep wearing masks in public. Areas off of the Navajo Nation continue to lift COVID-19 protocols, but here on the Navajo Nation we continue to push back on the virus. COVID-19 vaccines are available at all of the health care facilities on the Navajo Nation. If you haven't been vaccinated, we strongly encourage you to do so. The recent surge demonstrated the effectiveness of the vaccines in preventing severe illness and hospitalizations among most people who were infected. We have to remain diligent and keep taking precautions to prevent another surge in our communities," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities on the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines. If you would like to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines, please contact your health care provider and schedule an appointment.

"We are very grateful that the numbers of daily new cases have declined since the recent Omicron surge. Our frontline workers are doing an outstanding job despite the many challenges they face each day. Please continue to take precautions to help lower the number of new cases even more. We are in this together," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: <a href="http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19">http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19</a>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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